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Fanling ... dep.	7.33	10.08	11.19	12.48	2.06	5.23	6.17	7.59
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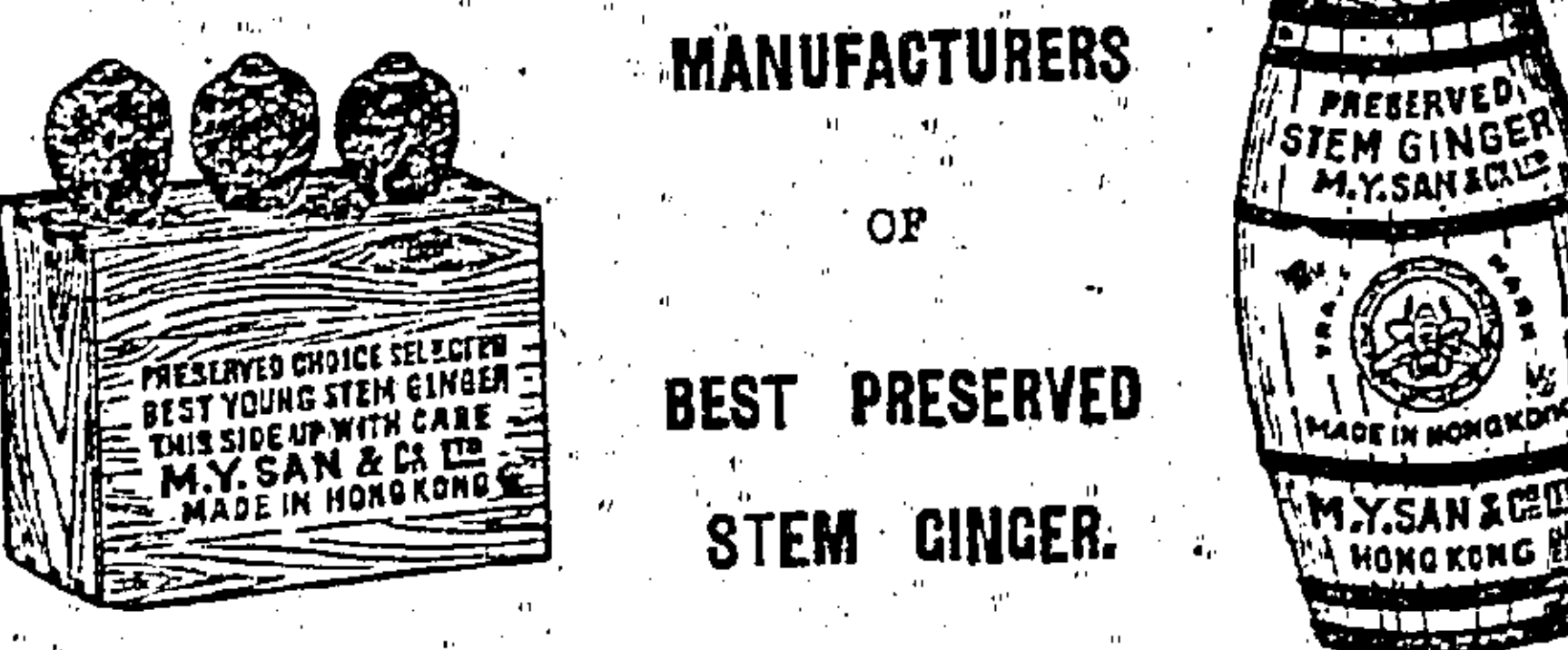
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The regular semi-annual general meeting of shareholders of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha was held at the firm's general office, on May 22nd. A 10 per cent. dividend was adopted unanimously. The gross receipts for last term totaled Yen 32,615,371 against the total expenditures of Yen 30,000,560, showing a balance of Yen 2,614,811. Adding various accounts to this profit, the total receipts amounted to Yen 34,429,965 which was devoted to the reserve fund to the amount of Yen 90,000, the directors' bonuses to the amount of Yen 140,000, the dividend to the amount of Yen 2,000,000 and the balance carried forward to the next term to the amount of Yen 342,908. The ratio of dividend was the same as that of the preceding term. The payment of Yen 6,101,900 out of various reserve funds amounting to Yen 10,101,000 for reconstruction expenses was also adopted. The firm had an increase of Yen 500,000 in freight receipts and Yen 100,000 in passenger fare income over those of the preceding term.

Mr. S. Kurokawa, vice-president, and Mr. T. Tomioka, director, whose terms of office were expired, were re-elected. The business report for the last term, as submitted by Mr. Y. Ito, shows that during six months beginning from October 1st up to the end of March last the firm employed 55 vessels with an aggregate of 344,000 tons gross, in addition to ten chartered steamers and carried 1,632,000 tons cargo and 64,000 passengers. The mileage of trips totaled 2,020,000. On the Oriental and near sea services, business suffered a stunning blow by the effects of the earthquake calamity in Kwanto district but it was restored, thanks to the close of the anti-Japanese boycott in China, more especially along the River Yangtze.

GOOD PROFIT IN COTTON.
 On the homeward service, reconstruction materials increased rapidly and much profit was realized on this line of trade. But passengers remarkably decreased save for the regular Nagasaki-Shanghai service. Business was depressed on the South Sea service but an increase was witnessed in passenger traffic. The Bombay outward service also suffered severely by the earthquake but satisfactory results were attained on the homeward trips with the successive shipment of raw cotton from India, though cargo movement was unusually dull at the beginning of last term. Passenger business increased on the service. Business had not yet been restored on the outward Japan-Java-Calcutta service but business was prosperous on the homeward service throughout the season on both cargo and passengers. Depression marked the outward London service while booming transportation of reconstruction cargo to Japan was observed on the homeward trip. Freight profit increased but passenger fares decreased on the contrary.

As the result of the frequent dispatch of extra steamers on the Liverpool service, the firm could attract a fair amount of cargo on the outward trip and business was active on the homeward trip as well with its flattering freight results. Unexpectedly fair results were attained on both the outward and homeward freight services between Japan and Hamburg with the brisk shipment of reconstruction materials.

SOME DEPRESSION NOTED.
 Dull cargo movement in Japan and China ports caused business depression on the outward trans-Pacific but business was brisk on the homeward trips with almost all incoming ships taxed to their utmost loading capacity with reconstruction materials consisting of lumber, wheat and steel. Steamer freights were maintained high throughout the term.

The eastbound New York freight service was depressed on the outward trip at first but business prospered toward the latter part of the season as the cargo movement at intermediate ports of call became lively. Steamers never had any difficulty to scrape up cargo as there was rushing shipment of reconstruction materials from American ports to the Far East, influenced by the exemption of Customs duty in Japan. The company should have realized unprecedented profit should the subsequent adverse exchange situation have not taken place, it is expected. Dullness prevailed over the outward South American service, and freights depressed during the best part of the term but business gradually was restored on the homeward service.

The firm's Calcutta-New York freight service was prosperous on both outward and homeward services and cargo carried between the two ports totaled a fair quantity for which good profit was realized.

While nothing worthy of particular mention took place on the outward trip, the homeward Australian service was good with the shipment of wool and wheat and passengers increased also.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has now three steamers under construction and these ships with 17,000 tons gross will be added to its various freight services shortly.

The President, Mr. Y. Ito, took the hair, and in recommending the option of the report, said in part that the world's shipping might be said to have reached the rock-bottom of its depression during last year, and although, on the one hand, no decided sign of improvement was yet apparent, no further tenacity for the worse was noticeable, on the other, such as has been continually the case during the past few years.

As far as the N.Y.K. was concerned, the President said, the result of operation during the term under review showed an appreciable improvement, due in a great measure, to the augmentation of freight earnings on inward cargo, consequent upon the increased importation of materials for reconstruction and other necessities. Thus the net profit amounted to Yen 1,000,000 odd, against Yen 1,100,000 for the previous term.

In order, however, to enable the Company to maintain the same rate of dividend as before, viz., 10 per cent., the President stated, the reserve for the equalization of dividend would have once more to be resorted to, and he would propose that a sum of Yen 1,500,000 be drawn therefrom.

PENSION FUND AUGMENTED.
 The President was now in a position to place before the meeting a proposal for the disposition of the heavy loss suffered by the Company through the Great Earthquake, a loss amounting to Yen 6,101,900. Further, the pension fund, which had considerably diminished, had to be augmented by Yen 4,000,000. It was now proposed that the two items, totalling Yen 10,101,900, be covered by some of the long-standing reserves, which under existing conditions would not be required for the purposes originally intended, and which could be suitably utilized at this juncture, without in the least affecting the financial stability of the Company, thus:

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Before concluding, the President said he wished to express his and his Directors' high appreciation of the self-sacrifice and devotion of the Company's staff, ashore and afloat, in the discharge of their duties.

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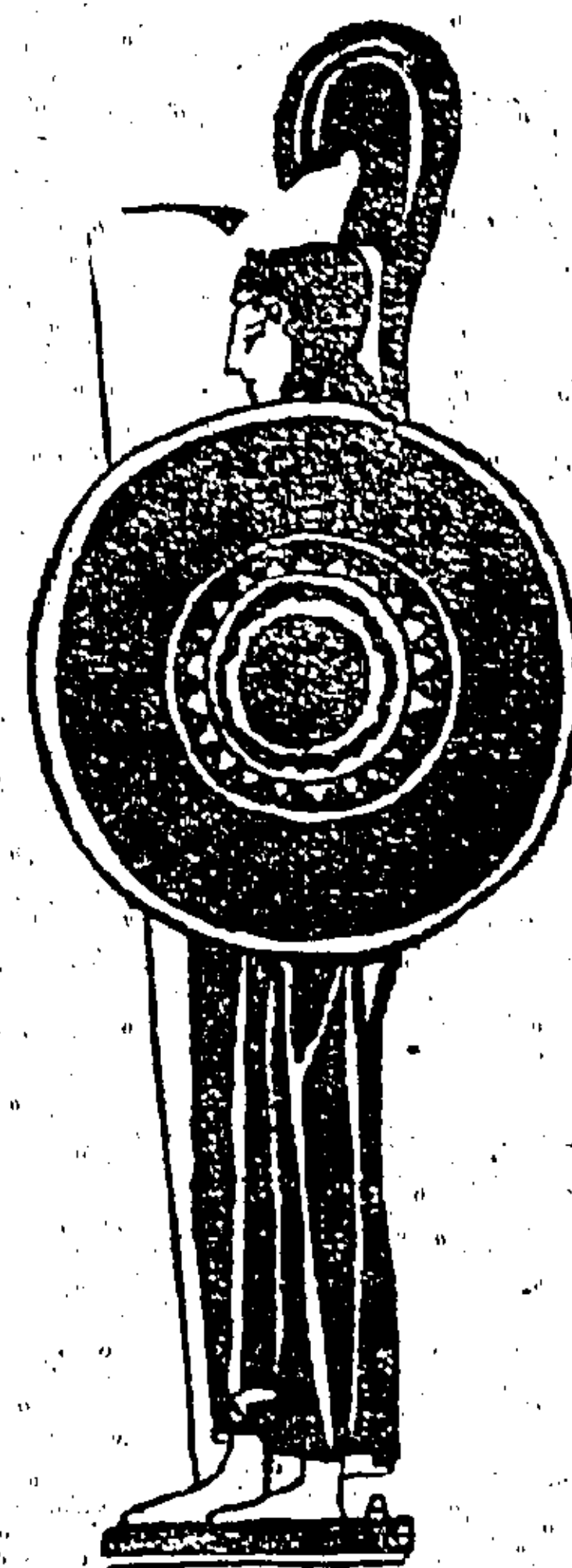
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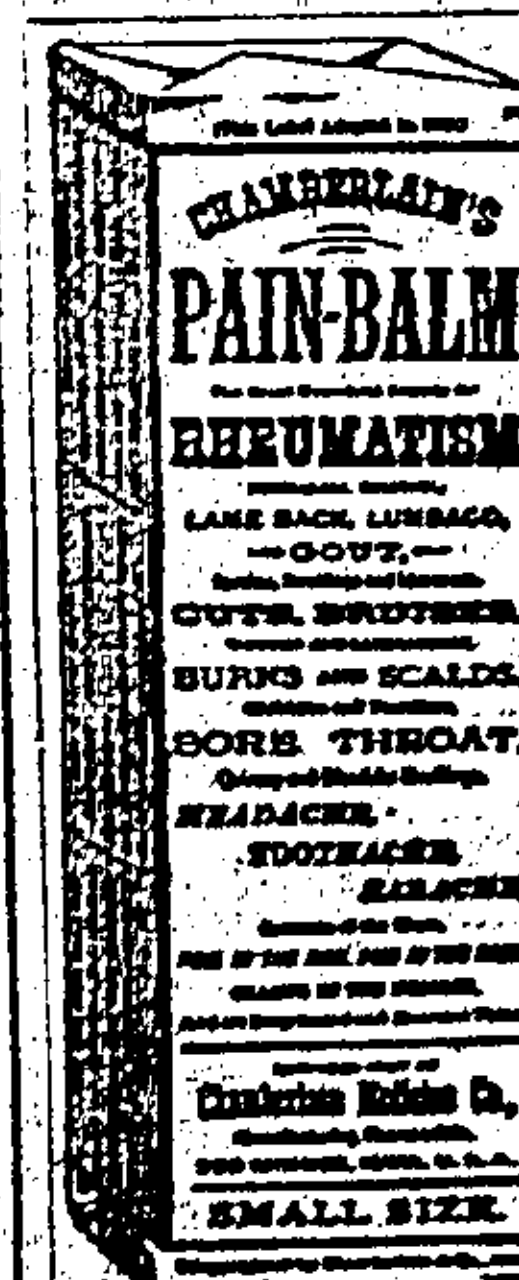
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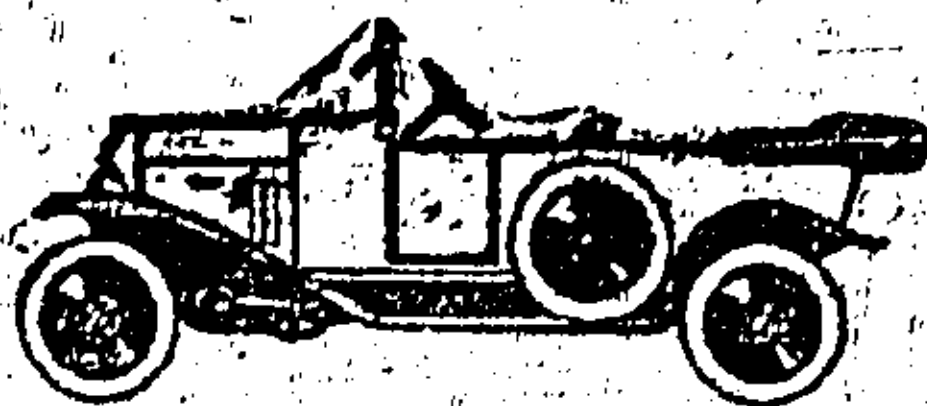
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EVILS OF TEA AND SUGAR.

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Dr. Leonard Williams of Harley St., writing to the *Morning Post* recently said:—

There is more harm to the health of adult women by excessive tea drinking, and more damage inflicted upon the health of children and adolescents by excessive sugar eating, than any evil now wrought to the health of men by the excessive consumption of alcoholic drinks.

To treat this matter merely in the light of the virtues of a cheaper breakfast table is to turn a blind eye to the vices of the rest of the day. Tea is a luxury, and as such has its legitimate place in the scheme of things; but it should not be forgotten that it is just as surely an intoxicant, in the true sense of that word, as beer is; compounded with which it is in the long run far more deleterious. If its excessive use brought with it the transitory effects of drunkenness, this would long ago have been generally recognised, but as things are, its evil results are reserved for the seeing eye. They are to be seen in consulting-rooms, out-patient rooms, and police courts.

Excessive sugar eating is even worse than excessive tea drinking, if only for the reason that it intoxicates, again using the word in its true sense, the rising generation. Every schoolboy knows that alcohol and sugar are so closely related chemically that the one can play the part of the other in the human economy. If "Pussfoot" were as profound as he is frequently puerile, and his supporters were as sage as they are generally glib, they would attack the desire for alcohol at its source, which is unquestionably the juvenile lollipop. The pernicious practice of giving children sugar as a sedative is largely responsible for the desire for alcoholic sedative in the adult. Such is but one among many of the counts in the indictment which might be brought against the unrestricted use of sugar, but it must for the present suffice. There is more than enough sugar for all our legitimate needs in cereals, fruits, and vegetables. Added sugar is a disease-producing luxury; excessive sugar is a disease-promoting vice. If it is right that alcoholic drinks should be restricted and heavily taxed, and I suggest nothing to the contrary, it is supremely illogical and unjust that the present day organs of the equally toxic, tea and sugar, should be officially encouraged. Considerations of the public health would suggest that the duties on these commodities should be raised, not lowered.

FLYING TO PARIS AFTER DINNER.

PLANS FOR NEW BRITISH SERVICE.

As soon as further tests have been made and night-flying aeroplanes built, Imperial Airways, Limited, the new £1,000,000 national air transport company, hopes to establish an after-dinner express at 100 miles an hour between London and Paris. This will enable business men to dine after a day's work in London and get to Paris at bed-time.

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"MUSICAL TOSH" AT THE THEATRES.

SONGS THAT MAY BECOME CLASSICS.

Mr. Appleby Matthews, the musical director of "The Immortal Tour" at the Regent Theatre, and conductor of the Birmingham City Orchestra, who raised a storm by declaring that modern theatre music is "disgusting tosh," refuses to retract.

"I fail to understand," he said in an interview, "why my remarks should have aroused such resentment among London musicians. They know as well as I do that theatre music, though it may be seriously written, is not taken seriously. The average theatre-goer does not treat the overture even as a pleasing part of the entertainment, and the hearing of a ten-ton during the time people were getting into their seats would serve exactly the same purpose. This being so, it is not to be wondered at that the commercial theatre manager does not go out of his way to provide good music. And the result is the tosh which we hear in the great majority of theatres."

"The thing that is the matter with modern music," proceeded Mr. Matthews, "is the feeling of snobbery with which it is approached by audiences. The halo with which the classical composer is surrounded seems to have a blighting effect upon the modern audience. They treat classical music as if it was a world apart, ignoring the fact that much modern music will, in its turn, become classical. And I should not wonder if the music now considered beneath contempt—one or two of the music-hall songs, for instance—were not elevated to classical renown. Even the masters wrote rubbish, and there are very few people who call themselves musical who are capable of distinguishing between the rubbish and the divine work of the masters."

WEATHER REPORT

June 17th at 18.35—Pressure has increased moderately at Shanghai, and decreased slightly to moderately at Canton.

The depression to the S.W. of Shanghai has more elsewhere.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 18 hours, June 17th, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 37.41 inches, against an average of 32.22 inches.

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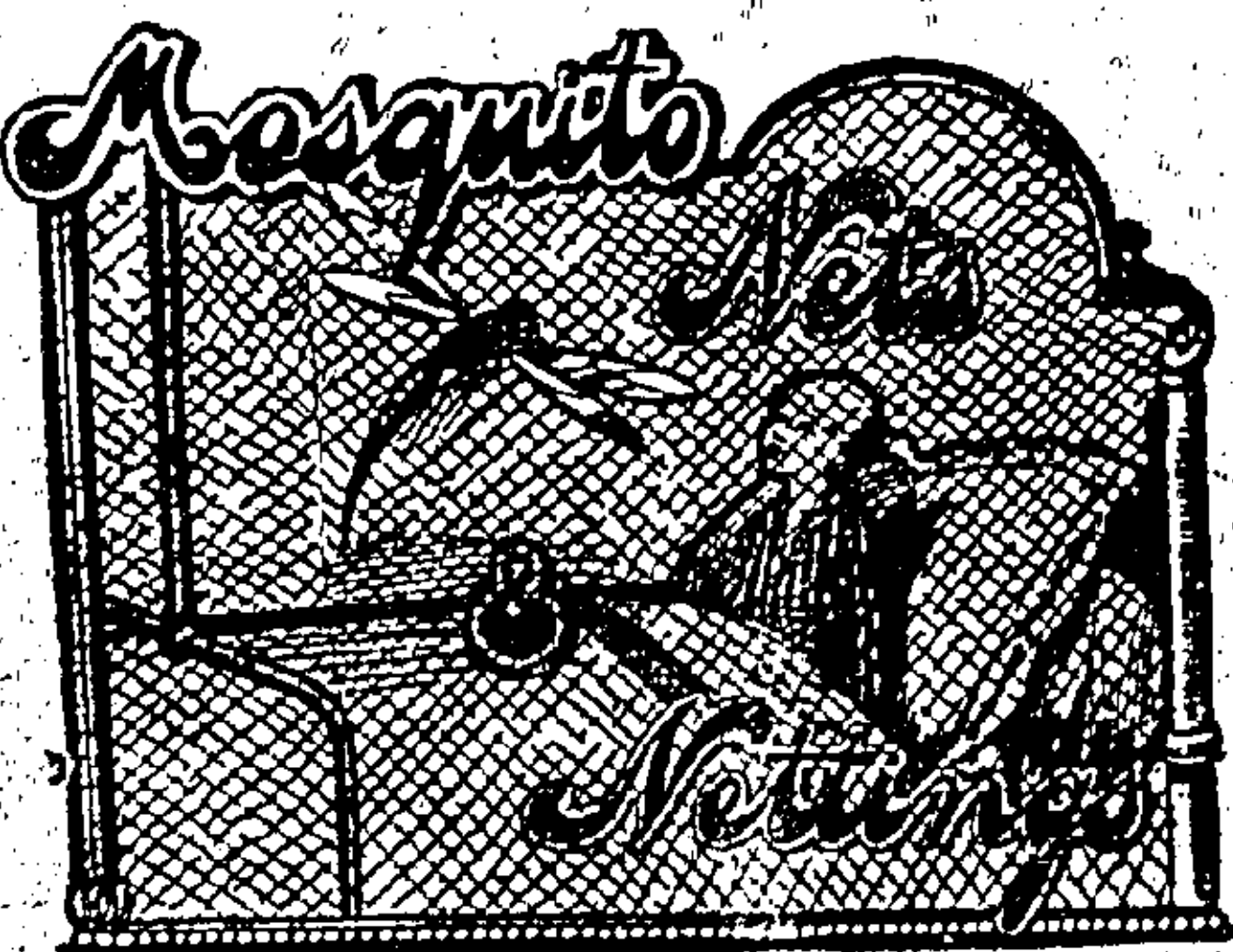
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SCENE AT A SEMI-PUBLIC DINNER.

[BY OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The *People*, a London Sunday paper, recently published the following:—

An astonishing incident at the dinner given by the Chinese-British Corporation at Claridge's Hotel last week in honour of His Excellency Liang Shih Yi, ex-Premier of the Republic of China, and formerly Director-General of Chinese Railways, has caused a considerable sensation and much talk in diplomatic circles.

There were sixty guests, with Mr. David Landale, chairman of the Corporation, presiding, while the gathering included representatives of the Foreign Office and the highest City business interests.

The Chinese Charge d'Affaires, Mr. Chao Hsin Chu, was present as a specially invited guest, and in his speech he laid stress on the advantages of railway construction in China.

When he had finished Sir James Jameson, the British Consul-General at Canton, now on leave, arose, laid stress on the fact that he had not been called to speak either at the recent dinner of the Chinese students or at the Legation dinner in honour of His Excellency, and proceeded to attack the Chinese Charge d'Affaires directly.

He intimated he was mistaking the audience, knew little about his country's affairs and was talking nonsense—this being the actual expression used.

The audience began to show signs of great uneasiness at the personalities used, and Sir James was induced to stop abruptly.

The Chinese Charge d'Affaires showed great composure, and after the dinner many came, it would seem, to him and shaking hands, asked him not to mind what Sir James had said.

They expressed the view that it was at least impolite and improper for an acting British official thus to attack the representative of the country to which he was accredited, and they expressed a hope that the incident would not interfere with the friendly relations between the two countries.

QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Later, Mr. Maclean in the House of Commons asked the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs whether it was intended to take any disciplinary action with regard to the speech made by His Majesty's Consul-General at Canton, in which he made a personal attack on the Chinese Charge d'Affaires.

Mr. Ponsonby replied that the occasion in question was, he was informed, a private one. He had been assured by Sir James Jameson that it was far from his intention to make a personal attack, and that if he did unwittingly cause offence he could only express his regret. No complaint had been received.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY BY SOLDIERS AT CANTON.

FATAL AFFRAY WITH THE POLICE.

A policeman was shot dead, and a sergeant and two other policemen were seriously wounded in an encounter with a band of marauding soldiers on Sunday night in the Yuet-sau-nam Road, in the East Section of the City of Canton, which is under the control of the 4th Police District.

Attracted by cries for help, says the report in the *Canton Gazette*, a policeman on duty in Yuet-sau-nam Road came upon a number of soldiers who were busy holding up passers-by on "rickshaws" and taking away what they possessed. When the policeman came on the scene and tried to arrest the soldiers, they fired on the policeman, who blew his whistle to secure the assistance of other police on duty in the locality. The soldiers then made off, but the policeman gave chase, and when additional police arrived they grappled with the soldiers, who thereupon shot down one of the policemen and wounded a sergeant and two other policemen by stabbing them with knives.

CINEMA NOTES.

THE CORONET.

Satirical comedy—good, satirical comedy is among the most enjoyable of all amusements. How true this is can be judged from the new feature film which comes to the Coronet Theatre this evening. The very name of this delightful picture, "The Primitive Lover," bears promise of keen enjoyment. Nor is the promise misleading, for the story has all the elements that comprise the best satirical comedy. First there is a young woman, frantically believing in the romance of the Middle Ages, for whom every poet is a knight in shining armour. Then there is the staid, practical lover who realizes the necessity of financial considerations in keeping the home together. Next, there is the other man who—but his little foibles cannot be revealed here, as they are the main-spring of the story, starting the amusing train of events which besides making the picture an excellent comedy also give it the dominating note of satire, which is its most notable feature. That the acting is in good hands is amply proved by the fact that Constance Talmadge, one of the screen's most universally popular stars, takes the leading role as the romantically inclined young lady. The two leading men are Harrison Ford and Kenneth Harlan, both of whom acquit themselves with the greatest credit.

INAUGURATION CEREMONIES AT CANTON.

[BY OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Two important inauguration ceremonies will be held in Canton the next few days.

Mr. Liao Chung Hoi, Chief of the Department of Labour of the Kuomintang or Nationalist Party, recently re-appointed Civil Governor in Canton, expects to assume charge of his office in the Government House to-day or to-morrow (June 19th) if arrangements cannot be ready for to-day. Mr. Liao, while belonging to the elder faction of the Kuomintang headed by Mr. Hu Han Min, is not unfriendly to the younger faction controlled by Mr. Sun Fo, the only son of Dr. Sun.

Mr. Chan Lu, M.P., president of the newly organized Kwangtung University, will be formally installed into office on June 21st, when he will officially and formally open a seal handed him by Dr. Sun, by whose instruction the amalgamation of the high normal school, the law school, and the agricultural school of the Canton Government was effected early this year. The installation of the president of the new university will be but a formal and social affair, however, as Mr. Lu has been in charge of these institutions several months. He has been quite busy lately in reorganizing the finance of the institutions as well, succeeding in getting appropriations from the district and the provincial governments for their support. Mr. Lu is a Member of Parliament representing Canton but has not been functioning since the removal back to Peking of this body. Before assuming the presidency of this university, he was Commissioner of Finance in Canton.

FOREIGN CONTROLLED SCHOOLS IN CANTON.

A MOVEMENT FOR "MORE RIGID SUPERVISION."

[BY OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The committee on more rigid supervision of Foreign Education Institutions in China, under the auspices of the Canton Students Union, will launch a vigorous publicity campaign to enroll supporters for the movement. At a meeting held in Kwangtung University, Canton, June 14th, the committee reported that it had obtained the assurance of several newspapers to publish their literature. The coming publication will expose the "dark side" of the foreign controlled schools, deal with the means by which foreign schools may be supervised, and demand complete over-seeing of foreign institutions, says the committee.

In Canton the movement is being launched by some dissatisfied students who were once members of missionary schools but later dismissed for violation of regulations. During the last two months the Holy Trinity College of the Church Missionary Society in Canton, and the Sacred Heart College of the Catholic Mission in the same city, dismissed about 50 and 700 students respectively on account of the failure of the students to comply with regulations relative to holding political meetings within school premises. Before they were dismissed the students themselves first went on strike and thus interfered with the smooth running of the classes, some members of which had been opposed to the action of the protesting few. Notwithstanding the walk-out of a number of students, these two institutions, have been and are still holding sessions and examinations for those willing to continue their studies.

TO-DAY'S MILITARY REVIEW AT CANTON.

[BY OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

Dr. Sun Yat-sen, Generalissimo of the Constitutional Army of South China, with Headquarters in Canton, Kwangtung, will present colours to three purely Cantonese military units to-day (June 18th), instead of June 20th as first proposed. These units include the Merchants Volunteer Corps of Kwangtung Province, a military organization of civilians with local defense as its sole object. There will be a joint parade in North Parade ground, Canton, with Dr. Sun as the Chief Inspecting Officer. Other units will be composed of the Provincial Gendarmerie and the Canton City Police. This is the first time that Regular Army, Police, and Citizens Volunteers will have been assembled together.

The Merchants Volunteers Corps in Kwangtung, led by a body of some 13,000 strong in Canton City alone, came into more effective co-operation late last May, when a Provincial Command was created in Canton with Chan Lin Pak, commander of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation in Shanghai, as Commander-in-Chief, and Tang Kai Shuk and Chan Kung Shan, as Lieutenant-Commanders-in-Chief. The Corps has been organized according to the army regulations of the Chinese Government, but is financed, equipped and manned by leading merchants in the principal towns and cities of Kwangtung. The present strength of the whole provincial force must be near 50,000. The thousand who are to parade before Dr. Sun represents but the strength of about a regiment in Canton. In Canton there are about a dozen regiments, each having 12 companies. According to Mr. Chan Lin Pak, the Corps is for self-defence. He says that the Chinese people should work for their own salvation.

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ITALIAN FASCISM.
THE MATTEOTTI AFFAIR.

Rome, June 16th.
In consequence of national agitation in the Matteotti case, Signor Mussolini has appointed temporary directors of eleven members, the object of which is to ensure that the strength of Fascism shall be used in accordance with the direction of the leaders.

The Communists are posting appeals to the working classes and discussing the advisability of a general strike, and of the entire police force and nation organising to find the missing Deputy, alive or dead.

SEVERAL ARRESTS.

Several arrests have been made in the Matteotti case. These include Signor Dumini, Secretary to Signor Rossi, who has just resigned the headship of the Government Press Office, and the Director of the Fascist Party. It is reported that a warrant has also been issued for the arrest of Rossi, whose whereabouts are, however, unknown.

An exciting search is being conducted for Signor Filippelli, who left Rome aboard the Pisa train. The police stopped and searched the train at Lodi, but Filippelli had vanished. Telegrams despatched to Piacenza and Milan ordering his arrest elicited the information that Filippelli hired a car at Piacenza, whence all trace of him was lost.

Lazio.
Filippelli has been arrested at Genoa. Filippelli's chauffeur, Colini, who brought the car which was used to kidnap Matteotti, has surrendered to the police. Mussolini is evidently determined to punish the administration from the stains of scandal revealed by the Matteotti affair. Apart from closing the Chamber and the appointment of a temporary Fascist director, it is reported that holders of the celebrated Annunziata Order have been summoned to see the King for the purpose of forming "a great concentration Ministry" including, besides Mussolini, the ex-Premiers, Giolitti and Orlando. Mussolini has not taken duties.

FRENCH MINISTRY'S POLICY.

THE MAIN POINTS.

Paris, June 16th.
The Ministerial statement to be read to the Senate and Chamber comprises a general amnesty in Home politics, with certain exceptions; the suppression of the French Embassy at the Vatican; strict application of the law of congregations; and a reduction of military expenditure as far as is compatible with the security of the country. The financial measures include the suppression of retrenchment by administrative devices, the restoration of the financial position of the country with the object of ensuring the balancing of the budget, the prosecution of frauds against the tax, tightening up of income tax, readjustment of direct taxation of taxes paid by the consumer, especially the turnover tax.

The statement also includes the observance of the eight hour law amongst Right section Government employees, who belong to a trade union. In dealing with the consolidation of peace, the part played by the League of Nations and the International Labour Office and Court of International Justice at the Hague; the restoration of normal relations with Russia; unreserved acceptance of the expert report; a continuance of the Ruhr occupation until the pledge provided by the Dawes report be handed over to the proper international organisations; the resumption of control of disarmament in Germany; and a solution of the security problem by guaranteeing under the aegis of the League of Nations.

BERLIN INDIGNANT.

Berlin, June 16th.
The appointment of General Nolde as French War Minister has been received with consternation and anger by the newspapers, particularly the Nationalsozialistische Zeitung, in which language, condemning it as a face of Germany and evidence that France will continue her old policy.

THE IRAQI BORDERS.
ATTEMPTS AT SETTLEMENT.

London, June 16th.
In the House of Commons, replying to questions with regard to the breakdown of the Mosul negotiations at Constantinople, Mr. MacDonald said that as soon as the nine months period allowed for direct negotiations by the Treaty of Lausanne had elapsed the Government would invite the League of Nations to decide the Turco-Iraqi frontier. Meanwhile, they proposed to negotiate with the Turkish Government on the matter in order to smooth over any difficulties.

HOME PARLIAMENT.
IMPERIAL CONFERENCE
RESOLUTIONS.

London, June 16th.
Notwithstanding a Government reverse in an important division, the members of the House of Commons to-day were just saving up their energies for the full debate on Tuesday and Wednesday. The Opposition, anticipating a contest of particular keenness, has up down many motions covering all phases of the decision, but in order to simplify business it is expected no decisions will be taken until Wednesday night, and only on three or four representative resolutions.

ANGLO-MEXICAN RELATIONS.

CASE OF MR. CUMMINS.

London, June 16th.
In the House of Commons, questioned with regard to the Mexican Government's refusal to expel Mr. Cummins, Mr. MacDonald said there had been no intention for some time between the Mexican Government and Mr. Cummins. The British Government was unable to agree that the complaints against Mr. Cummins were justified.

It was informed on May 15th that if Mr. Cummins were not withdrawn he would be expelled on June 10th. The Mexican Government had been officially informed on April 15th that Mr. Cummins would leave on the arrival in Mexico of Sir Thomas Holter on a mission of enquiry with a view to regularising Anglo-Mexican relations. The Government regarded the action of the Mexican Government as a grave breach of international courtesy, but he was awaiting further information as the result of communications he had made to the Mexican Government, whom he had informed that if they took steps against Mr. Cummins in which the British Government did not concur, Sir T. Holter's mission would not be proceeded with.

Replying to further questions, Mr. MacDonald agreed that the trouble was due to Mr. Cummins' representations on behalf of the rights of British subjects. The latest referred to a British woman whose property the Mexican Government wished to seize.

Mexico City, June 15th.
The Foreign Office states it is decided to wait a short time for the result of the Chilean Ministers' amicable efforts on behalf of the British Government.

ANGLO-SOVIET CONFERENCE.
NO TIME LIMIT.

London, June 16th.
In the House of Commons, questioned with regard to the Anglo-Soviet Conference, Mr. MacDonald said he would make a full statement in the House when the negotiations reached a stage justifying his reporting to Parliament on the matter. Mr. Hannon asked if the statement would include a limitation to the period of time that the conference could extend. Mr. MacDonald replied "No." He would not say how long it would last, but it was necessary in order to cover the very wide and complicated ground, which also necessitated certain sections of the conference negotiating with interests outside the Government.

DUNLOP AFFAIRS.

REDUCTION OF CAPITAL OPPOSED.

London, June 16th.
At the meeting of the Dunlop Rubber Company, Sir Eric Geddes said the net trading profit for the past eighteen months, after paying debenture interest, was £1,538,000, not including the deficit of £283,000 on the American company in 1923. Sir Eric emphasised that the proposed reduction of capital was merely an expedient in relative value as now established, and represented no new losses. The net deficiency was £11,255,000.

The report was adopted. Referring to the fact that the parent company was opposing the scheme to reduce the capital, Sir Eric said this was sufficient to block the scheme. Negotiations with a view to a settlement had hitherto been unsuccessful. Sir Arthur Guinness declared that under the reduction scheme the parent company was asked to sacrifice £283,000, which would be a gift to the ordinary shareholders, but they would co-operate in a most friendly manner in discussing an alternative scheme.

HISTORIC PEARL NECKLACE
SOLD.

Paris, June 16th.
After keen competition the famous pearl necklace which belonged to the wife of M. Thiers, the first President of the Third Republic, fetched a record price of eleven and a quarter million francs. It is believed it has been purchased for an American millionaire.

THE WORLD'S SPORT.

HOME CRICKET.

FIRST TEST MATCH.

Edinburgh, June 16th.
The South Africans were all out for 50 in the first innings in forty-seven minutes and followed on.

At the tea interval, the score stood at 114 for two wickets.

When stumps were drawn, the South Africans had scored 274 for four wickets. The South Africans' second innings was a complete reversal of the first innings' form. The batting throughout was most steady. Susskind put up a magnificent defence, whilst Catterall and Blackenberg collared the bowling and gave an exhibition of delightfully clean all-round hitting.

H. W. Taylor, c. b. Tate 54
M. J. Connaile, b. Henderson 29
M. J. Susskind, b. Gilligan 51
A. D. Nourse, b. Wood, c. Gilligan 34
Catterall, c. Hollos, b. Tate 120
Blackenberg, c. Chapman, b. Gilligan 58
Deane, run out 5
Napen, l.b.w., b. Tate 5
Ward, b. Gilligan 19
Pegler, c. Hobbs, b. Gilligan 6
Parker, not out 2
Extras 29

COUNTY MATCH PLAY.

London, June 16th.
At Kettering, Northampton beat Glamorgan by five wickets. Glamorgan scored 108, Thomas taking 4 for 22, and 73, Thomas taking 6 for 32. Northants scored 93, Clay taking 7 for 15, and 59 for the loss of 5 wickets.

(Continued on next column.)

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

(THROUGH RAFTER'S AGENCY.)

SINO-RUSSIAN AGREEMENT.

REPLY TO JAPANESE NOTE.

Peking, June 17th.
The Waichiao yesterday afternoon replied to the Japanese Note saying that before the signature of the Sino-Russian Agreement the Chinese Government had obligations and responsibilities as a trustee of the Chinese Eastern Railway as provided in the Washington Treaty.

The Sino-Russian Agreement is now signed, however, and former Sino-Russian relations are restored, and the situation has become quite different. Matters which China and Russia are going to adjust are questions regarding which those countries alone have rights and interests. The Note concludes that the Chinese Government cannot, therefore, accept the reservations suggested in the Japanese Note.

The Waichiao simultaneously issued an almost identical Note to the French and American Legations replying to their Notes reminding China of her obligations in connection with the Chinese Eastern Railway.

CHINA AND THE ARMS TRAFFIC.
QUESTIONS IN HOME PARLIAMENT.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

London, June 16th.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Hannon asked whether Mr. MacDonald's attention had been called to the inadequacy of the present embargo on the importation of arms into China, and whether seeing it operated in favour of countries which failed strictly to observe the terms of the agreement prohibiting this trade, he would consider the desirability of modifying the agreement so that British manufacturers would have an opportunity of tendering for Chinese armament contracts.

Mr. MacDonald replied in the affirmative with regard to the first part of the question, adding that the Government attached great importance to the arms embargo agreement, and in order to secure its effective and uniform application were endeavouring to expedite the replacement of the existing agreement by a modified form proposed at the Washington Conference and elaborated by the diplomatic representatives at Peking.

If Mr. Hannon were aware of any recent tenders by foreign manufacturers for the supply of arms to China, he would be glad to have particulars.

Mr. Hannon asked whether Mr. MacDonald was aware that foreign countries were sending arms into China now. Mr. MacDonald replied that he thought he could gather that from the form of his reply. He would be exceedingly obliged if Mr. Hannon could send him any information he had of a specific case.

CHINESE IN CANADA.

PROTESTS AGAINST REGISTRATION.

Victoria, June 16th.
(Course) for Vancouver and local Chinese business men have lodged a formal complaint with the Immigration Department against the Government regulations requiring all Chinese nationals to register before the end of June, giving their photographs, with a synopsis of personal history.

The complainants say the regulations discriminate against naturalized Chinese, and assert that the measure will be ignored and prosecutions be welcomed to test the legality of the provisions.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

DENMARK DEFEATS ITALY.

Copenhagen, June 16th.
In the third round of the Davis Cup, Denmark defeated Italy by 3 matches to 2, and now meet Czechoslovakia.

The results of the singles were: Du Morpurgo (Italy) beat Tegner (Denmark) by three straight sets. Peterson (Denmark) beat Colombo (Italy) by three straight sets. Tegner beat Colombo by three sets to one. De Morpurgo beat Peterson by three successive sets. Finally, in the doubles the Danes beat the Italians by three sets to one.

AMERICAN BASEBALL.

New York, June 17th.

NATIONAL LEAGUE.
New York, 4; Cincinnati, 4.
Brooklyn, 4; St. Louis, 3.
New York, 7; St. Louis, 2.
Brooklyn, 5; Cincinnati, 2.
Boston, 9; Pittsburgh, 4.
Philadelphia, 8; Chicago, 3.

AMERICAN LEAGUE.
Cleveland, 10; New York, 2.
Detroit, 10; Boston, 4.
Chicago, 5; Washington, 4.
St. Louis, 9; Philadelphia, 8.
Cleveland, 2; New York, 1.
Chicago, 2; Washington, 8.
St. Louis, 10; Philadelphia, 2.
Detroit, 3; Boston, 0.

EARLIER CABLES.

(REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.)

U.S. BATTLESHIP AGROUND.

NO SERIOUS DAMAGE.

Washington, June 16th.
The battleship West Virginia bound for France, and carrying the naval Olympic contingent, grounded shortly after sailing. She lost her tower and sustained a cracked condenser head, but will be refloated on the next tide. The athletes have been transferred to another ship.

CHINA INDEMNITY BILL.

SECOND READING.

London, June 16th.
In the House of Commons, moving the second reading of the China Bill, Mr. Hughes said the Bill was intended for the allocation of the Boxer Indemnity to the Education of Chinese.

Mr. Pousonby foreshadowed the appointment of a committee to investigate means of securing a satisfactory administration of the fund. He declared that Chinese co-operation was being invited, and a Chinese member would be invited to join the committee. Mr. Pousonby referred to a motion for rejection on the paper, which presumably had been lodged with a view to raising the trade marks question, and stated that while the Government did not wish to minimise the importance of the trade marks controversy, they did not think these funds should be used as a lever for the settlement of outstanding questions with China.

The House defeated the motion for rejection, and the Bill passed its second reading.

U.S. IMMIGRATION LAW.

REPLY TO JAPAN.

Washington, June 16th.
Mr. Hughes has handed Mr. Hanbura the American reply to the Japanese Note of protest against the exclusion law.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 17th.
In a decision revoking the citizenship of Ak Mozumdar, a high caste Punjabi, who was admitted to citizenship in 1913, the Federal Circuit Court's appeal ruled that the existing immigration restrictions applied to Indians both of high and low caste.

CHINESE EMBASSY AT MOSCOW.
SOVIET INVITATION.

Peking, June 16th.
M. Karakhan, in a Note inviting China to establish an Embassy at Moscow, which was forwarded to the Waichiao on Saturday, classes the Tsarist Government with the other Powers hitherto looking on China as a party not enjoying full rights, and one which could be coerced into signing humiliating treaties preventing the development of this country.

The Note goes on: "China, a country with over 400,000,000 inhabitants, is a country destined to play the greatest role in mankind's development. Her present position does not give others the right to consider China as being unworthy of taking her place as a first-class Power."

The Note afterwards explains the altruistic attitude of the Soviet Government towards Asiatic States. Incidentally, the Soviet representatives everywhere are called Ambassadors, and it is suggested that the establishment of Embassies at Peking and Moscow would not entail any alteration in the usual rank of the Soviet representative.

JAPAN AND SOVIET.

Evacuation of Saghalien.

Tokyo, June 16th.
Conciliatory modifications in Japan's policy towards Russia consonant with the earlier Kenseikai pronouncements are regarded as most likely, according to this evening's papers, which draw attention to Mr. Yoshizawa's return to Tokyo, as well as to a interview between Viscount Goto and Viscount Kato.

Viscount Goto, who was prominent in the unofficial Russo-Japanese "conversations" last year, is contemplating a trip to Copenhagen, and is expected to discuss the Russian relations with the Premier last evening.

It is understood that Viscount Goto is again meeting the Premier after the Cabinet meeting to-morrow, when the Cabinet's policy will be more clearly outlined.

The opinion prevails that the Government will announce the date for the evacuation of Saghalien as a preliminary to the formal conference with Russia, which may be held at Dairen or at Tokyo.

WAR TAXATION IN KWANGTUNG.

(BY OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.)

Dining in restaurants and smoking at leisure are not so pleasant as many would expect, at least in Fatschan, a city some 15 miles west of Canton. In Fatschan all restaurants of the higher classes have been closed since the middle of May, the proprietors refusing to pay a joint tax of \$50,000 annually for their business, being willing only to contribute \$24,000. In Canton and vicinity, according to a military order of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, persons dining at restaurants and houses giving feasts prepared by specially engaged cooks shall pay a meal tax of ten per cent. of their food bill. The tax is being collected by a syndicate guaranteeing \$900,000 annually to Dr. Sun who, to the public, is saying that the proceeds are for education and not for the supply of the needs of mercenaries, in Kwangtung. As every cent above the \$900,000 guaranteed to Dr. Sun's party will go to the syndicate as profit, it is natural that the syndicate and influence from the military effort and influence from the military effort will be used to exact what is possible from the restaurants.

The tobacco dealers in Canton and nearby towns are also suspending their trade for the time being as a protest against Dr. Sun's order to increase the tobacco likin tax by 20 per cent. For the present, the small retailers are not affected and smokers may be had. There is an effort being made to enlist the sympathy of the small dealers also, as the interest is identical. Tobacco sales in retail are being taxed, in addition to the usual import and likin taxes, also in the form of revenue stamps attached to packages sold in Canton.

THE BOLSHEVIK IN CHINA.

SOVIET ENVOY'S SPEECH TO CHINESE STUDENTS.

The following is an extract from a speech delivered by M. Karakhan to the students of the National University at Peking on the 15th inst.:

"As you know, the Agreement between the Soviet Union and China is not, as usually happens, the outcome of a struggle; it is but a manifestation of our good-will, our respect for the Chinese people, the redemption—in fact—of our own promises. Such an Agreement with any other Power, unless she does it after a tenacious struggle. The greatest woe and misfortune of the Chinese people, that which makes it suffer and keeps your great nation in a position of an almost semi-colonial country—let me be frank with you—are the treaties which exist between China and the Imperialist foreign Powers. These treaties have fettered your national liberty, happiness and welfare. The happiest event for your people will be to throw off these chains and conquer the same national freedom and independence as the peoples of the Soviet Republics have achieved."

"Now, how ought the struggle to be carried on? You, who are but one part of the Chinese people, cannot do it by yourselves, though I do know that every one of you is ready to die, if necessary, for the happiness of your people. Your task is to make the great majority of the Chinese people understand your own condition, each of you, once the people's eyes are opened, they will have an excellent arm in your hands in the shape of the Agreement just concluded, you must explain and compare it with those that are a bond upon the Chinese people. You must explain that the Agreement signed with the Soviet Union is an example of such treaties as China must strive to complete with all countries."

"We have driven Imperialism out of our country, but we shall only be satisfied when there will not be a single oppressed nation in the world. When you are strong enough to start the battle against the Imperialism, which is oppressing your country, you may be assured of the sympathies with your cause of the peoples of the Union."

"Long live the brotherhood of the peoples of China and the Union! Long live China, independent and free from Imperialism!"

LOCAL SPORT.

TENNIS.

LEAGUE TABLE.

1ST DIVISION.	P.	W.	L.	P.
K.C.C.	3	3	0	3
U.S.R.C.	4	3	1	2
I.R.C.	2	2	0	2
C.R.C.	3	0	3	0
University	3	0	3	0
H.K.C.C.	1	0	1	0

2ND DIVISION.	P.	W.	L.	P.
C.R.C. (B)	7	7	0	7
C.R.C. (A)	5	5	0	5
I.R.C. (A)	5	5	0	5
K.C.C. (A)	7	4	3	4
C.S.C.C.	8	4	4	4
I.R.C. (B)	6	3	3	3
H.K.C.C.	5	3	2	2
U.S.R.C.	5	3	2	2
University	0	2	4	2
N.T.C.	4	1	3	1
C. de R.	1	1	1	1
K.C.C. (B)	7	1	6	1
C.C.C. (A)	3	1	2	1
C.C.C. (B)	5	0	5	0

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

A new trade weekly review has made its appearance in Shanghai under the title of *Far Eastern Capital and Trade*. The first number contains a good collection of articles of a variety of subjects of interest to business men. It is dedicated "to the service of merchants and the dissemination of accurate commercial news." It certainly makes a good start, and it is promised that the standard will be not only maintained but excelled in forthcoming issues.

We have received from the South China Lithographic Press a map of Hongkong on a scale of 12 inches to one mile (size 52 inches by 21 inches). It is described as a complete and up-to-date embracing Hongkong from Jubilee Road to Tai Koo Dock and Shaukiwan, Kowloon from Yau Ma Tei to Kowloon Dock; and the Peak, with roads and new house numbers. The names of all the streets, principal buildings and offices, wharves and piers are fully given. Ship moorings in the harbour, as well as the areas of reclamation, in progress are also shown. Inset is a complete map of the island of Hongkong.

The Netherlands Trading Society, in commemoration of the centenary of its foundation, has published in the English language a brief history of the Society. A more detailed history has been published in the Dutch language. The English edition is handsomely produced and contains many excellent illustrations. The Netherlands Trading Society was founded in 1824 on the initiative of King William I. and by Royal Decree. Although the Society was given the form of a limited company within the meaning of the Commercial Code then in force, its original object was not exclusively the making of profit, but the promotion of the material interests of the nation. The "Brief History" contains not only an interesting account of how these objects have been achieved, but particulars of the present scope of the Society's activities in trade in Colonial products, plantation companies and estates, but includes also a record of financial results, balance sheets and profit and loss accounts.

DEATH OF THE LIVING BUDDHA.
ACKNOWLEDGED RULER OF OUTER MONGOLIA.

A cable from Peking recently announced the death of the Living Buddha. He was known as the Eighth (Reincarnated) Living God, Djabtsang Danba Hutuktu or Bodgo Gheghen. A correspondent at Urga has sent to the *N.Y. Daily News* the following interesting details:

Bodgo Gheghen when he felt the end was near, sent for his confessor, Bodgo Khambo Hutuktu, but the latter did not arrive in time. The Living God passed away at 4 a.m. on the morning of May 20th. This is likely to prove to be an event of great moment to Mongolia; the late Living God was, at one time the absolute and autocratic ruler of all the Mongols in Outer Mongolia; he successfully withstood Hsü Shu-cheng when the latter endeavored to bribe the Princes into bartering away their autonomy. In spite of the change in Government and the accession to power of the Mongolian Young People's Party, the Living God was still the Spiritual Sovereign of the State and a power in the land. The Premier, Tsereng Dordji, visited the Bodgo on the 19th and it was seen that the end was near.

On receiving news of the death of the Living God several Ministers of the Government went to verify the fact and to see the corpse; no other persons were permitted to go near the corpse, not even the Under-Secretaries who accompanied the Ministers of the Government.

The corpse of the Living God is in the Dzang-Ordo (Eastern Palace) and is constantly, and strictly guarded by lamas. The house in which he died is surrounded by a Cord Barrier and no persons are permitted within.

There is a continuous procession of his co-religionists around the court in which he died, expressing their grief by crying, praying and prostrating themselves in religious exercises of reverence. The road between Urga and the palace is crowded with people, mostly on foot, going to pay their respects to the dead, but none are permitted near the corpse. Foreigners are not permitted to go near the palace where the body lies and the taking of photographs is strictly forbidden.

The Government has decreed two weeks general mourning and all the Government Offices and Departments will be closed for three days; they have also assigned the sum of Tls. 3,000,000 towards the funeral arrangements which will take place after the body has been embalmed. This will take about two months. The Army and all Government Departments will take part in the funeral procession.

THE FUTURE GOVERNMENT.
With the disposal of the effects of the deceased comes the practical question of the future state of Mongolia. That is, the form of the future Government; it is well-known that the Living Buddha was a monarch yet the Government was of a Communistic nature. In any case the highest power in the land has now devolved upon the Mongolian People's Party. The final settlement of this question will be decided when the Upper Khuraldan (Mongolian Parliament) meets in the autumn.

It is uncertain what will happen to the body, in the past it has been the custom to enshrine the past Hutuktu and build for them a Palace where they sit in perpetual state, in some cases after embalming a Stupa has been built around the body. In Urga there is already one in the Palace of the late Bodgo's deceased brother near the Customs House.

The late Hutuktu left one son, during his life he tried to make the position of "Living God" hereditary but was not successful. What will happen to the son, who is about 11 years old, is very uncertain.

CHANG TSO-LIN'S SEPARATIST POLICY.

SIGNIFICANT MOVES.

The Asiatic News Agency's Mukden correspondent writes that in spite of the constant peace parleys between Peking and Mukden, Marshal Chang Tso-lin is doing his utmost to actually separate the three provinces of Manchuria from the Central Government. For instance, a Communications Commission has just been formally established in Mukden and its duties are the same as those of the Chiao Tungpu in Peking. The Mukden-Shanghai Railway, as well as the Chinese Eastern Railway, are now controlled by this special Commission of Communications. It is reported that the next step of the Mukden War Lord will be to abolish the Foreign Commissioner in Manchuria appointed by the Chinese Government and to establish a Foreign Affairs, in Mukden with branches at Harbin and Kirin, to look after affairs relating to foreign intercourse in Manchuria. The Chinese newspapers attach great importance to the unexpected presence of Chang Tso-lin in the British Consulate in Mukden for the celebration of the fifty-fifth birthday of King George and regard this as an indication that Chang Tso-lin is working for the complete independence of his three provinces from the Peking administration.

Dr. C. C. Wong, President of the Chinese Eastern Railway, has been summoned by Chang Tso-lin to Mukden from Harbin to discuss Russo-Chinese questions.

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HUSBAND* LIABLE FOR WIFE'S DEBTS.

INTERESTING SHANGHAI CASE.

An interesting legal point in connection with a husband's liability regarding debts contracted by his wife was raised by Mr. T. Addis in the British Court at Shanghai last week, before his Honour Judge Peter Grain.

The case was one in which Lane, Crawford & Co., Ltd., and Dombey & Son, Ltd., sued R. F. Wrench for \$229.75 and \$33.02 respectively for household goods supplied. The two plaintiffs' names were coupled, as Mr. Tycho Wing (for plaintiff) explained that the two firms were connected.

Defendant said he had been married about two years. He always gave his wife the cheque, which he received as his salary, and she put it into her own private banking account. Defendant could not draw on his wife's banking account. He had an account of his own, but had only a few dollars in it. His household was managed entirely by his wife, and he had nothing to do with it at all. From October, 1923, until June, 1924 (the period covered by the bills in question) defendant was away from Shanghai, travelling. The bills during the time he was away were larger than when he was at home with his wife.

Mr. Addis submitted that the defendant was not liable. Defendant gave his full salary to his wife every month (Tls. 450), which she put into a separate banking account. If a man gave his salary to his wife that fact alone, counsel submitted, should debar her pledging his credit in any way.

His Honour held that a wife who had been living with her husband was deemed to have implied authority to contract on his behalf, and the onus was on the husband to show that he was not liable. There were various ways in which the husband might show that he was not liable. He could show that he had given notice or drawn up an arrangement with his wife refusing to allow her credit, giving her a definite allowance. In the case in question defendant said he gave his wife all his salary, but his Honour had no evidence before him that he made any arrangement to the effect that he would have no further liability with reference to the running of the household. There was certainly no evidence that he had given notice to the shopkeepers. He must have known that his wife was obtaining credit, because that was the ordinary procedure in Shanghai shops allowing goods to be taken away and payment to be made at the end of the month, but he had done nothing to let shopkeepers know that he was not liable to pay.

Judgment was entered in favour of plaintiffs, with costs.

GIRL'S GARTERS COMEDY. NOCTURNAL VISITOR CAUGHT BY THE POLICE.

The mystery of the disappearance of a girl's garters, which has for some time perplexed the people of Meibon, in Saxony, has just been satisfactorily cleared up, says the Central News Berlin correspondent.

For several weeks past the girl frequently complained to her father that when she awoke in the morning she found her silk garters had disappeared.

The father was unable to find any trace of burglars about the house, and he was completely baffled. But he bought her new garters every time one pair disappeared, and then had her bedroom door locked and bolted on the inside when she retired for the night.

Still the garters disappeared, and a detective remained hidden in the girl's bedroom throughout one night.

At dawn the secret was revealed, for a squirrel came through the tiny bedroom window, which had been left ajar, made straight for the girl's clothes, seized one garter, went back through the window, and in two minutes returned for the second garter.

A search was made afterwards on the roof, and there at a spot where the large bough of a tree actually touched the house the police came across the squirrel's nest, which had been made, among other material, of twenty garters, torn to shreds.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED, will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Pender Street, Victoria, the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, THE 21st DAY OF JUNE, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, when the Subordinate Resolutions will be proposed as Special Resolutions.

1. That the authorized capital of the Company (which is the Nominal Value of \$10 each of which the whole have been issued and increased to \$1,000,000 by the creation of 80,000 additional shares of the Nominal Value of \$10 each such New Shares (subject as hereinafter mentioned) to be issued at such time or times and on such terms and conditions, in every respect as the Company's Board of Directors may think fit, and from the date of allotment for dividend and in all other respects *pari passu* with the shares constituting the Company's present capital.

2. That there be offered at par in the first instance to the Members of the Company who on the 7th day of July, 1924, are registered in the Company's Share Register as holders of the said 80,000 shares one new share for every complete number of three old shares held by them respectively and so that on acceptance of the offer the nominal amount of \$10 due in respect of each of such new shares shall be payable as to the Sum of \$5, part thereof, on the 1st day of November, 1924, and as to the Sum of \$5, balance thereof, on the 1st day of May, 1925, balance thereof.

That such offer be made by Notice specifying the number of shares to which the Member is entitled and limiting a time within which the offer, if not accepted by the Member on behalf of himself or his nominee, will be deemed to be accepted and that the Company's Board of Directors be at liberty to fix to such time and (in case of shareholders whose place of address is not in Hongkong) to extend it to such date or dates as they may think fit.

That no shareholder shall be entitled to any offer of a fraction of an additional share in respect of any old share or shares held by such shareholder.

That until such time as the said new shares shall be fully paid up they shall rank for dividend in proportion to the ratio borne by the amount paid up thereon in respect of the nominal value thereof to the full nominal value (\$10) thereof.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT a further EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Pender Street, Victoria, the Colony of Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 24th day of JULY, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Proceedings at the above mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, any Special Resolutions of the above mentioned Resolutions.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Saturday, the 29th day of June, 1924, to Monday, the 7th day of July, 1924 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

Dated the 11th day of June, 1924.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship "CARNARVONSHIRE" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, when, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 1st July, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined in the presence of Consignees by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas on 17th June, 1924, at 10 a.m. Claims against the Steamer including those for Cargo short delivered must be presented on the Special Form provided, and must also be submitted within 30 days of arrival, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JABDNE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th June, 1924. [889]

INTIMATIONS

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Certificate for 75 Shares, numbers 71517/71521 issued on 1st March, 1920, in the Name of THOMAS KIRKMAN DEALY, late THOMAS WILLIAM PEARCE, and Rev. JOHN KIRK MACONACHIE, has been declared LOST and should the Same not be produced before 24th JUNE, 1924, it shall be deemed Cancelled and of No Effect.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, 9th June, 1924. [870]

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General Managers.
16th June, 1924. [860]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

AMERICAN & ORIENTAL LINE.

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship "SUVERIG" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo by her are informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after 23rd June, 1924, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before 30th June, 1924, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on 23rd June, 1924, at 10.00 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by THE BANK LINE, LTD., General Agents.

Hongkong, 12th June, 1924. [906]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER "KARMALA."

ARRIVED HONGKONG ON 12TH JUNE, 1924.

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, MALTA, PORT SAID, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above named vessel are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, where each Consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions have been given to the contrary six hours before arrival of the Steamer.

Goods not cleared within 8 days, including date of arrival will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees, and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS, at 10 a.m. on Mondays and Thursdays.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the Steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 15th June, 1924. [902]

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

The Steamship "BENMOHR"

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., whence, and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 1st July, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 23rd inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.

Hongkong, 16th June, 1924. [903]

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Hongkong, 11th June, 1924. [889]

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NOTICE.

DURING the Temporary Absence of Mr. JAMES H. BACKHOUSE We have Appointed Mr. JOSEPH HARROP to Sign Our Company Per Procuration.
JAMES H. BACKHOUSE, LTD.
June 16th, 1924.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION.

THE following are Members of the above Association—

A. H. CARROLL, J. P. GROSS, M. A. BAZAK, V. VANDUCH, J. W. KAY, A. P. GRAY, W. J. CARROLL, H. M. H. ENRI, O. KITCHEN, SEE KOS CHU, YIP YUNG PA, HARRY O. ODELL, F. M. L. SOARES, See Tai Shai, H. E. EDWARDS, By Order of the Committee, J. W. KEW, Secretary.

Hongkong, 12th May, 1924. [773]

NOTICE.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE following are Members of the above Exchange—

ABRAHAM, E., LAWRENCE, H. A., ALVES, A. A., LUGAN, W., BARNUM, J. T., MATTHEWS, R. T., BENJAMIN, V., NISSEN, A., BIRKETT, H., PERKINS, L. S., CHURCHER, N. V. A., PETERSON, R., ELLIS, E. E., PORTS, G. H., GOWD, J., RAYMOND, E. M., GUTTERIDGE, A. A., SILVA, P. J. M. J., HURCH, T. F., SMITH, P. R., KIST, FRED., TESTER, P., LAMBERT, G. P., By Order of the Committee, A. NISSIM, Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th May, 1924. [775]

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

SILVER LOAN 1924.

ISSUE OF DEBENTURES FOR SHANGHAI T.S. 1,000,000 at 5% PER CENT.

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UNDER the Authority of Resolution V. passed at the ANNUAL MEETING of RATEPAYERS on APRIL 16th, 1924, the SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL hereby invites Applications for Debentures in the Silver Loan of 1924.

The Debentures will be issued at Shanghai 7% per cent. and will be Redeemed at Par under the operation of a Sinking Fund on December 31st, 1924, but may be Redeemed by the Council in whole or in part on December 31st, 1924, or on any Subsequent Date, subject to the Council giving Six Calendar Months' Notice in the Municipal Gazette and the public Press of Shanghai.

The Scrip will be issued in Denominations of Sh. Tls. 5,000, Sh. Tls. 1,000, Sh. Tls. 500 and Sh. Tls. 100 to suit the convenience of Applicants.

Payment will be acknowledged by Provisional Receipt pending issue of the Scrip.

The Cost of Telegrams and all other Charges in connection with Applications for Debentures are payable by the Applicant.

Application Forms can be obtained from the Local Office of the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, or from the Treasurer and Comptroller, SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, Administration Building, Shanghai, to whom all Enquiries should be addressed.

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MARRIAGES.

CORNISH—MANSFIELD—May 15th, NICHOLAS EDWARD CORNISH, A.M.I.C.E., formerly of Shanghai and Peking to FLORANCE MANSFIELD, Bayswater, London.

EDWARDS—MAYFAIR—At Merchiston, Banff (the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. F. A. Watt), on May 5th, by the Rev. Dr. Bruce, ROBERT CAMPBELL EDWARDS, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, late Yokohama, to ELIZABETH AMERSON (HARRIS), daughter of the late Dr. E. P. MACVANE, Japan.

HARRIS—HARRIS—At Bournemouth, on May 7th, PHYLLIS EVELINE HARRIS, daughter of Captain and Mrs. J. B. HARRIS, late of Shanghai, to CHARLES LINTON HARRIS, of Bournemouth.

SILVER WEDDING.

STEDMAN—LE MENESTIER—May 15th, 1899, at the Peak Church, Hongkong, FREDERICK OSWIND STEDMAN to LILLIAN MARIE LE MENESTIER. Present address: Braconite, Weybridge, Surrey.

Hongkong Office: 1A, Chater Road. London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, JUNE 17TH, 1924.

PIRACY AND BRITISH PRESTIGE.

JUST now when we are beginning to congratulate ourselves that the piracy epidemic in the water adjacent to this Colony appears to have been checked, so far at least, as piracy on large river steamers are concerned, the many accounts of piracies which have reigned home appear to be just having their cumulative effect. We see the question asked in a home paper: What is the Government doing to require the unparalleled series of outrages in South China waters? Happily it can be replied that Government has taken action that would appear to have produced the desired effect. The lessons of a series of outrages have been learnt and protective measures have been strengthened with apparent success. A writer in the Liverpool Journal of Commerce recently wrote: "Time after time our ships have been the objects of dastardly attacks and the people who travel in them subjected to loss and personal injury. What is the attitude of our Government under such conditions? When the matter is raised

in Parliament and details of any particular outrage and the appropriate steps taken to punish the wrongdoers are required, responsible Ministers reply that a report has been called for. Before that report can possibly reach this country, two or three similar outrages are perpetrated; one naturally asks why?" It is perfectly obvious that the Home Government can do nothing until they learn from the authorities on the spot the exact nature of the trouble and what is being done by them to correct it. "Anyone acquainted with conditions on the China Coast," says the writer to whom we have referred, "can outline the real solution to the difficulty. This solution is simple, effective, and easy to carry out. It is to adopt the methods now advocated for dealing with rum ships off the United States Coast, the methods formerly put into force to prevent opium smuggling in China, namely, to detail fast armed launches to patrol the passenger areas, and to follow any vessel which deviates from her normal course." It has, in fact, needed something more than armed patrols. The guilds of ships' officers have succeeded in persuading the authorities that armed escorts are necessary if these piratical enterprises are to be effectually checked. The regulations for the prevention of piracy have been strengthened, the ships' guards have been retrained, and ships travel in the waters adjacent to the Colony with armed escorts. None are probably better informed of all this than the pirate gangs which infest the Delta regions, and to this knowledge that the success of a piratical enterprise has now been rendered extremely precarious we may not unreasonably attribute the immunity the river boats have recently enjoyed from their nefarious operations. We trust this immunity may long continue, but if it should not we do not imagine that the authorities will hesitate to take that stronger action which the late series of outrages has suggested to writers in "The Home Press" as being needed for the maintenance of British prestige in these parts.

A Chinese was knocked down on the Castle Peak Road by a car owned and driven by Madame Lily on Monday. Another Chinese was knocked down at Peiho Street and injured by a motor car belonging to the China Motor Bus Company on Monday.

The Siberian mail yesterday proved to be one bringing London dates of May 22nd and not of May 29th as had been expected, so that our paragraph yesterday about mails coming through in 19 days proved to be premature. The mail was 25 days in transit.

This week's public lecture of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, 16, Queen's Road Central, on Wednesday, June 18th, at 5.45 p.m., will be on "Moods and their Control." All are welcome. The lecture will be followed by the annual meeting of members.—ADVT.

A marriage has been arranged, and will take place in the autumn, between Lawrence Angie Harris, M.C., R.G.A., eldest son of Mr. A. H. Harris, late Commissioner of the Chinese Customs Service, Canton, and Dorothy Mary, elder daughter of Mr. F. A. England, of Rathgar, Dublin.

There was no business of public interest transacted at the fortnightly meeting of the Sanitary Board held yesterday afternoon. There were present at the meeting: Mr. N. L. Smith (Chairman), the Hon. Mr. H. T. Cressy (Director of Public Works), the Hon. Mr. G. G. Alabaster, K.C., Mr. Wong Kwong-tin, and the Secretary of the Board (Mr. G. Kennedy Skipton). The Chairman announced that the date of the next fortnightly meeting fell on a public holiday (July 1st) the meeting would be held on the following day.

Mr. Richard Simpson Gundry, C.B., of Hillworth, Devizes, Wilts, for 13 years correspondent of *The Times* in China, author of works on China, including "China and Her Neighbours" and "China Past and Present," who died on March 13th, aged 55, left property of the value of £18,711. The charitable bequests are:—£250 to the Devizes Cottage Hospital; £200 to the Devizes Nursing Society; £75 to Dr. Barnardo's Homes; £75 to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; £25 to the Dogs' Home, Battersea; £150 to the trustees of the Scouts' Hall, Devizes.

The Admiralty, says a home paper, have decided that the river gunboat *Uth*, commissioned temporarily from the Reserve at Hongkong at the end of January with ratings from the light cruiser *Despatch*, is to be maintained in full commission. A new crew for the *Uth* is accordingly to be sent to Hongkong, leaving England about the middle of June. The *Uth* will be recommissioned as an independent command for further service on Chinese rivers, increasing the number of river gunboats in full commission to 13—five in the West River, two in the Upper Yangtze, and six in the Lower Yangtze. Lieut. Comdr. C. W. May has been appointed to the river gunboat *Uth* on recommissioning. Eng. Comdr. R. H. Withey has been posted to the *Titan* at Hongkong, with effect from the 1st inst. Commander E. G. Morris, who was on the China Station some time ago, has been selected for special service with the Royal Australian Fleet.

The return of notifiable diseases for the week ending June 14th contained 4 cases of enteric fever only. Three were Chinese cases and one Japanese.

Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung were present at a reception given by the Marchioness of Salisbury on May 16th in honour of visitors from overseas.

Mr. H. J. Quist, Consul-General for the Netherlands in Hongkong, has returned to the Colony from a year's leave at home and has resumed charge of the Consulate.

The Chinese master of the *Yan On* was cautioned at the Marine Magistrate's yesterday for anchoring in the direct approach to the Southern Fairway and thus causing an obstruction.

Mr. Gordon Medcott Vereker, of the British Legation, has been promoted to First Secretary. Mr. Vereker joined the Diplomatic Service in March, 1919. His promotion, therefore, has been extremely rapid.

The Douglas Steamship Company are announcing the issue of special tickets for round trips to Pootung, and back by their new, fast, and well appointed steamer *Hai Ning*, at the reduced rate of \$50.

Six mistresses of fishing boats were fined \$2 each at the Marine Magistrate's yesterday for dredging in the harbour without permission. They told the Magistrate they were catching shrimps and other fish.

The master of a fishing junk No. 2200 has reported to the Police that while sailing his junk off Waglan en route to Shan-kwan on Monday an unknown steamer ran into him and caused damages to the boat estimated at \$500.

The Fire Brigade was called out yesterday afternoon to deal with an outbreak of fire in Queen's Building. On arrival the Brigade found a chimney had caught fire on the top floor of the building. They had no difficulty in extinguishing it.

A miraculous Iron Tablet brought from Hantansien is regarded as having brought rain to Peking. When it was brought back a crowd of the Tablet worshippers were present at the West Station to witness the departure of the saviour of crops.

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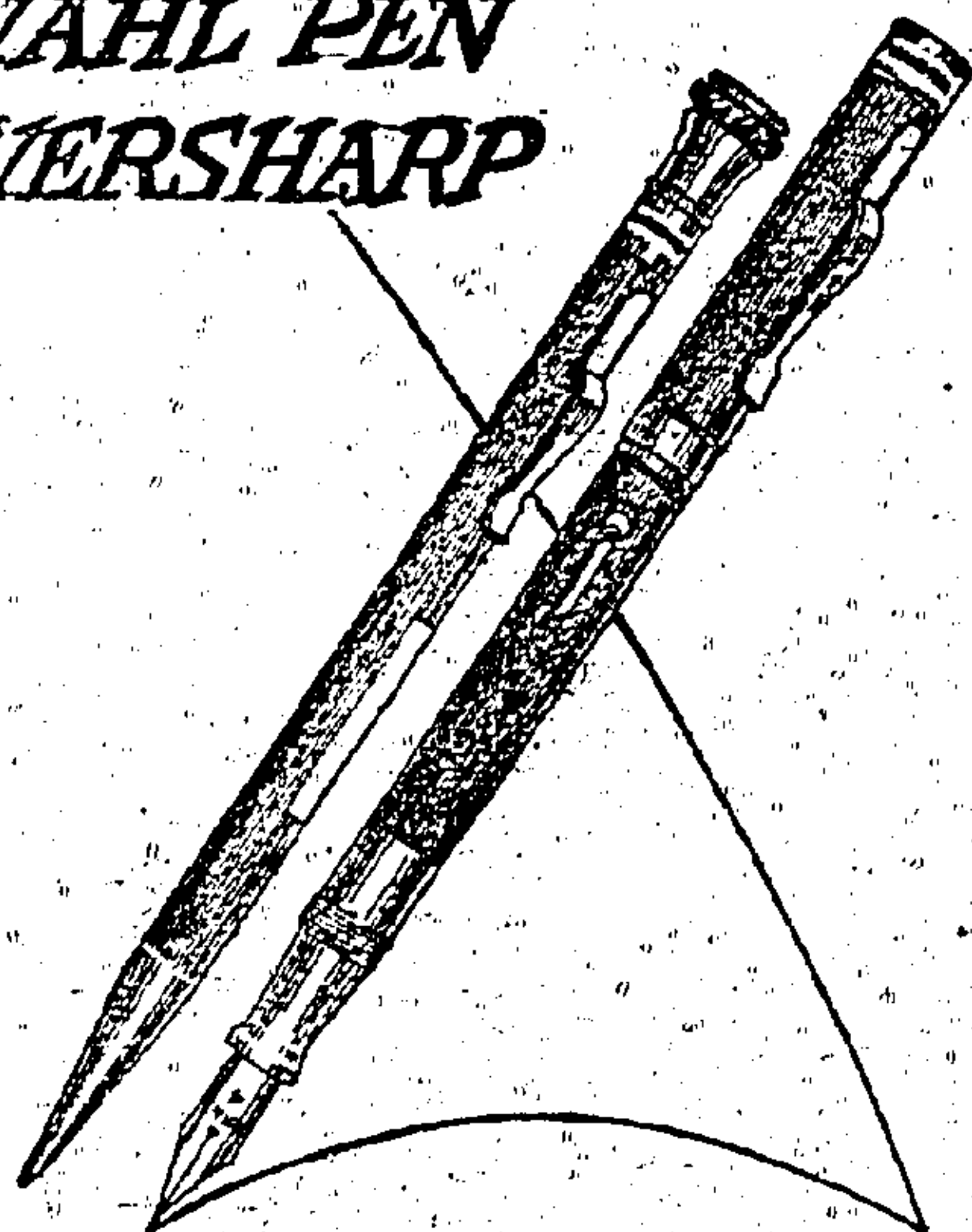
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MARIE CORELLI.

A PERSONAL MEMOIR

Mr. T. P. O'Connor writes in the *Daily Telegraph*:—

One of the first men I met of any importance in London was Charles Mackay. It was at the Reform Club, and he was introduced to him by a fellow-townsmen who had acquired wealth and high position in the Colonies, and who owed my father some gratitude for consistent support at a time when disloyalty spoiled his chances of a Parliamentary career. I remember Mackay well—a short, stoutish, red-faced man with a certain bitterness in his talk, though to the poor, trembling youngster who had just embarked on the tempestuous sea of London life, he was a kindness itself. I should have interpreted for a generation that has forgotten Mackay, that he was the author of "Cheer boys, cheer!" and "To the West, to the West, to the Land of the Free"—songs that made a great appeal to the people at a time when the great country across the Atlantic was just beginning to reveal its possibilities as an asylum for those who found conditions too hard and too unpromising at home. Charles Mackay had a son, who inherited and even surpassed some of the poetic gifts of his father; and this son played an important, though a somewhat mysterious, part in the life of Marie Corelli.

She was of Italian and Scottish parentage, and was adopted in infancy by Charles Mackay, with whom she lived in the closest intimacy, and as it appeared, in the most warm affection. Eric was a little like his father—short, stoutish, and somewhat of the irritative and unaccountability of the race of poets to which he belonged. I have received within a week or a fortnight two letters from him in reference to paragraphs that appeared about him in a paper of which I was editor at the time; the first would denounce me as an unmitigated scoundrel, and above all, as no gentleman; and the second would have me as the best of friends the most perfect of gentlemen. So apparent was his talent that a great many people were strongly under the impression that the books of Marie Corelli, with their astounding success, were due largely to his inspiration, if not actually to his pen. This well-spread rumour played an important part in a subsequent episode in her career.

Marie Corelli was probably a writer from her earliest days; her ink was in her veins, although probably she suspected as little as anybody else the extraordinary success she was ultimately to attain. With her first important work, "A Romance of Two Worlds," came to her with a rush. The public, both in England and America, devoured the book; it became a "best seller," sold by the tens of thousands, and went into one edition after the other with lightning rapidity. I cannot speak of the book myself; I found it always impossible to read Marie Corelli's books, but probably what I should have considered the defects of her style—inflation of language, romantic invention beyond all probability, and a certain mingling of vicious religion and ardent love—were their chief recommendations. From that time forward every novel of Marie Corelli immediately became a gigantic success; she could command almost any price she demanded, and those skilled in such calculations estimated that the value of each novel she wrote was at least £10,000.

One would have thought that such gigantic and perhaps such unexpected success, bringing a woman in grates poverty to great wealth, would have produced a very soft and satisfied character. But this did not happen. I met her first after she had already achieved some of her early and brilliant successes. She was welcome, of course, at semi-literary gatherings, and a very pretty figure she made. If you had expected to meet a tall, stank lady, with spectacles and blue stockings, you had a pleasant surprise when you met her in those days of the eighties and the nineties. She had a small, well-proportioned figure, abundant clusters of fair hair, rosy cheeks, light-blue eyes, and very small and dainty features. If I wanted to describe her in a single French word I would call her *mignonne*; what I did call her, as a matter of fact, was a beautiful little bit of Dresden china. The compliment was successful beyond all expectation, for it was constantly quoted in those articles about herself which were circulated with the genius of a publicity agent, but always with the denial of any impulse or authorship from her—a statement that was generally received with a sceptical smile.

In those far-off days she was agreeable—a little young ladyish but not disagreeable. In time these qualities seemed to be obscured. It may have been that she had some disappointment to her intimate life; it may be that she fretted a little under the lack of recognition which she found among the more educated men of letters, who did not usually respond to the echoes, however loud, of the general mass of readers; it may have been that irritability of temper which is not unknown in her sex when it has not been subjected to the softening influences of marriage and maternity. One should, however, make allowance for poor health. For years she suffered from a severe internal malady and in bearing the tortures of disease and then in facing the perils of a severe operation she revealed those inner depths of courage which her sex so often displays. She insisted on postponing an operation until she had finished a contract with a publisher, and then when the operation came she chose one of her own sex to perform it, and she faced the operating table with the courageous and unselfish observation that if anything went wrong the blame must be put on her and not on the operator.

Towards middle age she shook the dust of London from her feet and settled down in a comfortable cottage in Stratford-on-Avon. Doubtless she sought peace but she did not find it, for the public were pretty frequently made aware of altercations between her and local authorities, and she fought these quarrels with the shrillness of tone. On the other hand she doubtless got a certain degree of satisfaction in the connection of her name with that of the greatest of Englishmen.

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of letters and she enjoyed herself in being the local hostess of the wandering pilgrims to the Stratford shrine. Now and then her strong feelings overflowed when topics outside literature were exercising the public mind and she wrote trenchantly on all such subjects with more vehemence than reason. When Eric Mackay died there came an episode which is almost incredible. Marie Corelli issued a short pamphlet in which she spoke very disparagingly of him, charging him among other things with having made a false claim to part authorship of her books. It was a painful episode and perhaps the less said about it the better.

Such then was this little woman—bursting with energy, full of herself, chomped with extraordinary and disproportionate honours and posterity and yet disunited, restless, quarrelsome just that bundle of contradictions between outer and inner life, between varying methods which make up the problem and the perplexity of human character and human existence.

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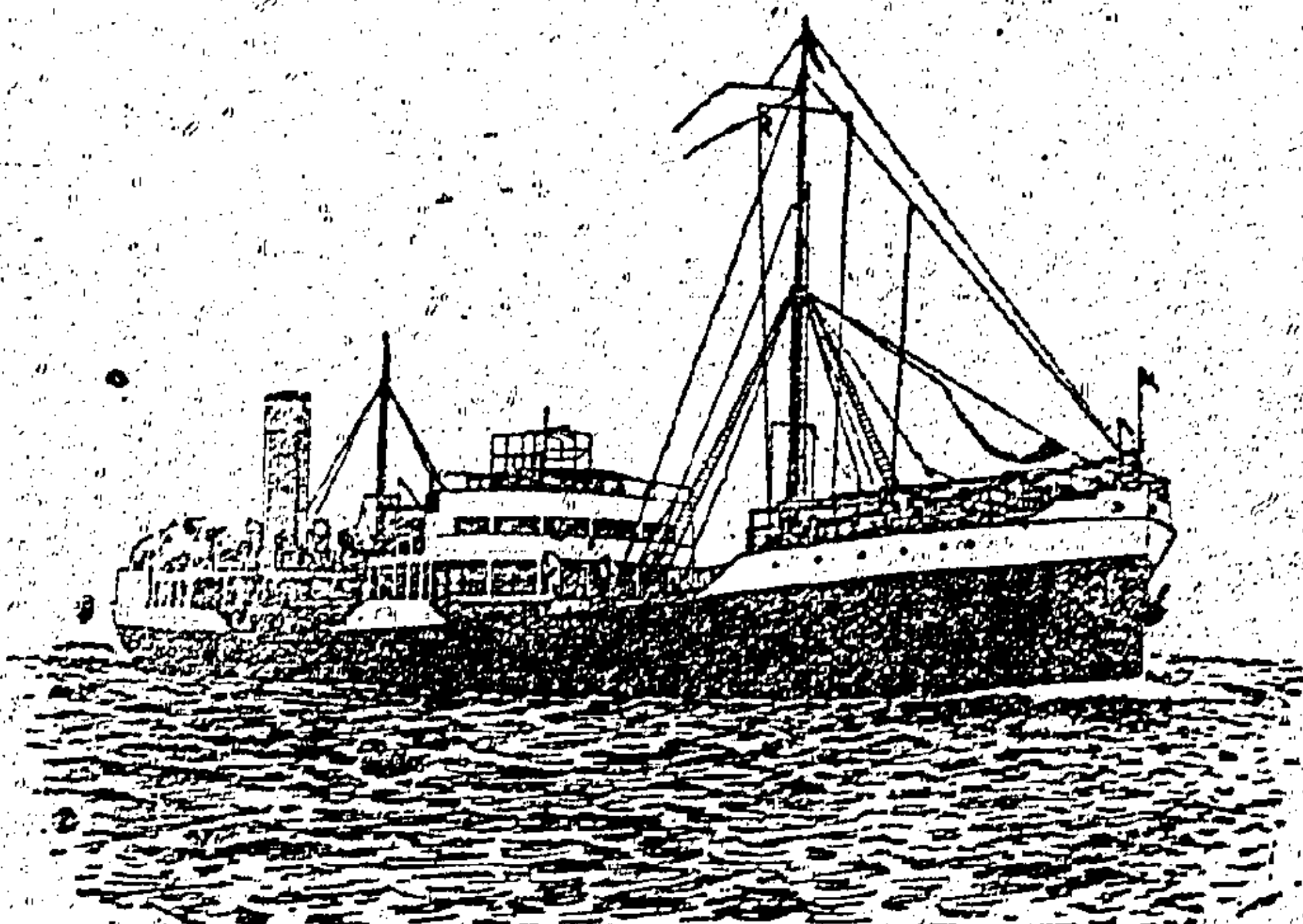
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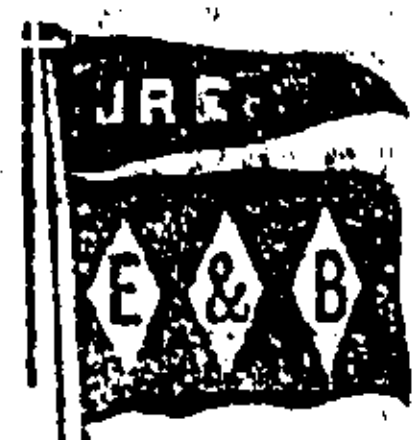
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